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SUBJECT Interview with William Colby

TED KOPPEL: Terrorism around the world, what is the role of the Soviet Union? Tonight we'll focus on charges by the Reagan Administration that the Soviets have been promoting international terrorism. We'll talk live with former CIA Director William Colby, and with a former head of Israeli intelligence.

ANNOUNCER: This is ABC News Nightline. Reporting from Washington, Ted Koppel.

TED KOPPEL: Good evening.

Our subject tonight is terrorism. Not easily defined, not easily traced, but as much a part of the world seen today as gunboat diplomacy once used to be.

It is hardly a new technique. It was used in Kenya and Palestine in the 1940s, and in Ireland well before that. But never has terrorism been as pervasive, as likely to strike in any part of the world as it has been over the past decade.

Within the past 24 hours two rockets slammed into the South Yemen Embassy in Paris. Extensive damage, no injuries, and as yet no arrests. In Karachi, a man carrying a small bomb or grenade died today when the device exploded prematurely. The man had entered a stadium holding 100,000 Christians who were awaiting the arrival minutes later of Pope John Paul II.

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KOPPEL: Standing by live now in our Washington studios is a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, William Colby.